

NOTES

The United States are talking of taking a fresh grip of Central America, by establishing a naval base at Fonseca Bay, which is the joint property of the poor little republics of Honduras, Nicaragua and San Salvador. This will put the States up against the back door of Mexico and make Washington the virtual master of the whole Central American region as the Panama base well overawe it on the south.

It is reported from Montevideo that the present President, Batlle, is suspicious of the intentions of his proposed successor, doctor Veyra, and is therefore about to replace him by another, and more pliable candidate. The idea is naturally, that Batlle shall remain in power, although nominally replaced for a term by a dummy President in order to comply with the letter of the law. As a part of the plan it is current in the neighbouring capital that there are to be great changes in the Direction General of Customs, of Posts and Telegraphs, of Police, and of the Military Department in order to ensure the continuation of the present Dictatorship. Such is the civilization on the other side of the river.

The government of the sister republic is making desperate efforts to collect sufficient money to pay the salaries of the public servants for the month of November, and to be able to pay the December salaries in February proximo. Unfortunately as we have already pointed out, there is such an excessive leakage in public funds that the Treasurer is continually under the necessity of running, hat in hand, to the banks or the foreign markets for sufficient to keep legitimate payments going. For opposing the settled system of ruling the country by violence and bribery a large percentage of the best of Uruguay's citizens are exiles in this country today.

The usual sheet of German lies is

being distributed with reference to the last combat. The Berlin fable is that they sank a British cruiser of larger dimensions than the Blücher. As a matter of simple fact they scarcely succeeded in scratching the paint on the British ships. One would think that by this the Germans would have given up publishing such stupid falsehoods; but they evidently have got so firmly into the habit that it is impossible to discard it, no matter how inconvenient it may have become.

Germany as the champion liar of Europe, and the most artful cheat, has directed another pitiful white to United States, protesting against the selling of aeroplanes to the Allies. Afraid to venture into the open sea to fight like men, they can only ally out to attack defenceless ships as the Chinese and Riri pirates were accustomed to do in old times, or sneak across in the dark to assassinate English women and children. And for the rest, the defence of their commerce or the stopping of contraband, they have to try and put that on to other people's shoulders. The United States are not likely to lose much sleep over such protests.

Bethman Holweg, the Hun Chancellor, complains that Great Britain is starving them into submission. One thing is certain while there is food to be got the Germans themselves will not go hungry. They watch the little children in Belgium and France dying of hunger, while they eat their food. Snatch the food out of the mouths of the victims of their brutal outrages, and complain because! Great Britain proposes bringing them to justice! Good Bethman Holweg! It appears that certain injurious rumours have got about in Buenos Aires with respect to the City Bank of New York, viz: that it employs a German Staff. We cannot imagine that anyone or any first class institution such as this bank certainly is, would give any preference to Germans. In the light of the horrible acts of savagery being committed by them as a nation in the present war. The fact is that The City Bank has one or two American employees of German descent, but

who are none the less American citizens. Some of the most brilliant, and it must be said anti-German members of CRITICA staff are also of German descent, but they are Good Argentines and not at all in sympathy with the crimes of their ancestors' country. The City Bank is in Buenos Aires as a business institution, and the strong anti-German view taken by the United States would hardly lead one to suppose that it is here as a representative of Germanism.

We are pleased to mention one little fact in connection with British goods as competing with German and that is in respect to an article which is or should be found in every home and hospital, every hole and corner of not only Buenos Aires, but the world in general. We refer to that homely friend of rich and poor—'Pain'. It is not too much to say that if we could have this pungent ointment need little of the doctor. We are induced to make these remarks by the fact that at the present moment German chemical products have ceased to exist for the outside world. Germany was the great chemical manufacturing country. Yet there is absolutely no reason why Great Britain should not have practically the whole of that trade. The best and most appreciated chemists and chemical supplies in this city are British, and CRITICA would like to see these outcasts of British scientific industry take hold of this question, and strike while the iron is hot. The simple old sanitary Joye's Fluid, of which we believe Messrs. J. J.

Jap and Carothers of Cangallo Street are the local representatives, is one of the many British products against which German imitations and German misrepresentations have never been able to make headway.

El libro gris de Bélgica

Hemos recibido un bien impreso folio, traducción del libro gris del Ministerio de relaciones exteriores de Bélgica, que contiene, como se sabe, la historia diplomática de la guerra en todos sus detalles. Para los amigos de la raza latina amenazada por la tiranía teutónica, este libro es de un interés considerable, pues constituye la palabra oficial del rey Alberto sobre la intervención de su bravo pueblo en la gran contienda.

BIBLIOGRAFICAS

La revista de Filosofía—

Ha llegado a nuestra mesa la notable publicación científica que bajo este título ha empezado a editar el doctor José Ingenieros.

La revista de Filosofía significa en nuestro medio un esfuerzo cultural digno de todo encomio, tanto más si se tiene en cuenta que se trata de una obra emprendida por su editor sin contar con

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EN TODOS LOS BARES, CAFES, CONFITERIAS

COCKTAIL

"LOUIS D'OR"

SIN ALCOHOL

Las minas submarinas

ninguna subvención del estado ni con el concurso de ninguna institución.

Para dar una idea de la importancia de la nueva revista del doctor Ingenieros, publicamos a continuación el sumario del número que acaba de aparecer:

La dirección. Para una filosofía argentina: Piercentino Ameghino. Origen y emigraciones de la especie humana: Joaquín V. González. Unidad de espíritu en la civilización argentina: Rodolfo Rivarola. La función de la filosofía en la vida política: C. O. Hunee. Los dominios de la psicología: Ricardo Rojas. Las ideas estéticas de Dehaveria: José Ingenieros. El contenido filosófico de la cultura argentina.

Según una información de Amsterdám, publicada por "La Correspondencia Política", el gobierno holandés ha llevado a cabo una investigación sobre la naturaleza de las minas en las costas holandesas. El resultado del examen de más de 100 minas llevadas por la corriente a la costa holandesa, ha sido que ninguna de ellas era de procedencia alemana.

Otra mina encontrada en la playa de Westcapelle, que mató a tres oficiales de marina mientras la examinaban, era también inglesa.

POUR LES MORTS

(SONNET)

Dans un pré verdoyant, parmi les fleurs décolorées
Quelques soldats français sont tombés simplement.
Autour d'eux tout se tait dans un recueillement
Diacillé par l'instinct mystérieux — en choses.

La Mort les a surpris en d'incroyables poses,
L'un d'eux se tait, à genoux, doit murmurer: "Maman!"
L'autre, sur son front, a vu ses yeux se fermer.
D'autres semblent rêver, les pauvres malheureux.

Le jour s'apaisait sur eux à l'horizon,
Le Soleil agonise en un dernier rayon
Qui meurt, en exhalant tout un bouquet de flammes;

Imperceptiblement, triste comme un remords,
L'un nait paraît et semble, à genoux près des morts
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